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Dear Mr. Musgrove:

I am writing to you regarding your recent public records request regarding Automated License Plate Recognition Technology, utilized by the Danvers Police Department. As you are probably aware, the Danvers Police Department received grant funding to purchase a cruiser mounted ALPR unit from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, in 2011. ALPR technology automatically captures license plates displayed on motor vehicles which are being operated or parked within the camera view, and compares it with an existing database notifying an officer of a match. Matches are customary for stolen vehicles, wanted vehicles and persons, along with unregistered and revoked registrations. ALPR data is currently stored for forty-five days. I believe that documents relating to the scope of the Danvers Police Department's use of ALPR fall within the internal deployment practices and strategies of the department, and are therefore exempt from disclosure.

Any documents which are not exempted under the Massachusetts Public Records Law will be forwarded to you via U.S. Postal Service and appropriate reproduction fees will not be waived. I am unclear as to what you are referring to in the fifth bullet of your request, stating "protocols and the extent of ALPR data sharing between BPD and other governmental agencies".

I have estimated the cost associated with your request to be \$145.00. The lowest paid employee capable of doing the work has a rate of \$30.00 per hour and I expect there will be fifty pages of documents at .50 / copy. Once the department has received a certified cashier's check for that amount and a clarification of the above questioned request, we will begin to reproduce those records which are required to be furnished under the Massachusetts Public Records Statute.

Sincerely,

Neil F. Ouellette